

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the above-identified application, and were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1-3, 6, 10-12, 14 and 17 were amended and claims 5, 7-9, 13 and 15-16 were cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6, 10-12, 14 and 17-18 remain at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's amendment to claims 1 and 12 obviates this rejection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Rekimoto (U.S. Patent No. 6,636,249). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a link information display device for displaying link information transmitted by a link information transmitter. The link information display device comprises video input means for obtaining a video signal of real space; receiving means for receiving the link information comprising link content information, attribute information and link position information, wherein the link position information comprises virtual space position information in a three-dimensional coordinate system; transmitting position detection means for detecting the position of the transmitter in the three-dimensional coordinate system in accordance with the received link information; coordinate transformation means for transforming the three-dimensional coordinate system of the link position information and the position of the transmitter into a display position three-dimensional coordinate system; display position determining means

for determining a display position of the link content information on the basis of the display position three-dimensional coordinate system and the attribute information; superimposing means for superimposing the link content information onto the video signal in accordance with the display position determined by the display position determining means; and display means for displaying the superimposed video signal.

Rekimoto is directed to an information processing apparatus and method, an information processing system and a providing medium, which are adapted to attach various virtual information to real world environments or situations and to present those various attached information. (See col. 1, lines 9-15.) The information processing apparatus (*i.e.*, the user terminal) takes in specific information to specify situations in the real world environment, analyzes the information, takes in attached information to be attached to situations in the real world, communicates the information between the user terminal and a second information processing apparatus, and receives desired information from the server based on the analyzed information, and produces a video/voice signal based on the desired information. (See col. 6, lines 4-26.) The user terminal also displays the video signal on a screen and outputs the voice signal. (See col. 6, lines 26-29.) The user terminal in Rekimoto does not detect the position of the transmitter, transform the three-dimensional coordinate system of the link position information and the position of the transmitter into a display position three-dimensional coordinate system, and use the display position three-dimensional coordinate system with the attribute information of the link information to determine the display position of the link content information, as required by claim 1. Because Rekimoto does not disclose or suggest these limitations, claim 1 and claims 2-4, 6 and 10-11 that depend from claim 1 are allowable over Rekimoto. For reasons similar to those discussed regarding claim 1, Applicant respectfully

submits that claims 12, 14 and 17-18 are also allowable over Rekimoto. Claims 5, 7-9, 13 and 15-16 have been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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